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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1497

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 27, 2015

BILL AMENDED: Jan 27, 2015

SUBJECT: Skills Assessments for Unemployment Recipients.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Beumer

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☒ **DEDICATED**
☒ **FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) The bill provides that certain individuals who have been determined by the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) to need reemployment services may be required to participate in certain additional services provided by DWD.

Effective Date: July 1, 2015.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) *DWD*: The bill requires DWD to provide reemployment services and eligibility assessment activities to individuals that DWD deems to need those services and assessments. Some of these activities are mandated and are able to be completed within DWD's existing resources.

Job skills assessments, which is an optional provision under the bill, are estimated to cost an additional \$2 M per year if fully implemented by DWD. Specifically, DWD anticipates that providing job skills assessments will cost approximately \$100 per individual, and DWD anticipates that 15,000 to 20,000 individuals will require job skills assessments each year.

Additional Information: DWD provides a variety of skills assessment tools to unemployment claimants through the WorkOne system, many of which are provided online. In addition to these online assessments, claimants have the option to select free resume and/or interview skills classes. Also, Indiana Adult Education programs provide math, reading, and writing instruction free of charge to individuals. Online remediation is also available, and DWD has spent \$8 M since 2006 on more comprehensive assessments and remediation for a limited number of individuals in the WorkOne system. These services are provided using funding from

federal unemployment insurance program monies.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: DWD.

Local Agencies Affected:

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